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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S 2/15 MEETING WITH ZAMBIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER -- NAMIBIA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT
HE FELT THE PROXIMITY TALKS IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN USEFUL.
HE HAD TALKED AFTERWARD WITH NUJOMA, WHO HE FELT HAD
GIVEN QUITE A BIT OF GROUND.

2. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE FELT THAT THERE WAS AN
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OPPORTUNITY NOW TO PUT SOUTH AFRICA IN A BOX. IF THE FIVE
WERE ABLE TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT WITH SWAPO ON THE
TERMS FOR NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE, THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD
BE UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE TO GO ALONG.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD NUJOMA
THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING THE SECRETARY AND NUJOMA HAD

WANTED HIM TO SAY THAT SWAPO WAS QUITE HAPPY WITH THE TALKS IN NEW YORK. REGARDING THE QUESTION OF THE PLACEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, NUJOMA HAD SAID THAT HE WAS MAINLY CONCERNED WITH THE AREAS WHERE THEY WOULD BE STATIONED, RATHER THAN WHETHER THEY WERE STATIONED IN TWO LOCATIONS RATHER THAN ONE. THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN WHERE THEY WERE. IF THE TWO NEW LOCATIONS WERE CLOSE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER, THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO SWAPO.

4. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT NUJOMA'S CONCESSION, AND SAID IT REPRESENTED SOME PROGRESS. BUT HE COULD NOT SEE WHY CENTRAL LOCATIONS AWAY FROM THE POPULATION CENTERS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. THE SECRETARY ASKED WHY THIS WOULD BE A PROBLEM IF THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY UN FORCES.

5. MWALE SAID THAT NUJOMA WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT WALVIS BAY. HE FEARED THAT IF THE SUBJECT WERE LET GO FOR THE TIME BEING IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT IN THE FUTURE TO FIND A PORT FOR NAMIBIA. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING THE WALVIS BAY PROBLEM GO. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE COME UP WITH SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON THIS POINT. MWALE REPLIED THAT HE WAS STILL WAITING FOR SUCH LANGUAGE, AND THAT ONCE HE HAD IT IN HAND HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH NUJOMA AGAIN. VANCE
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